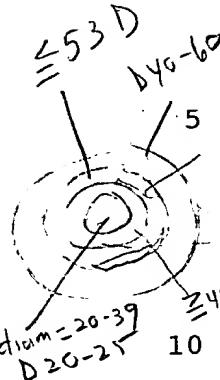


CLAIMS:



1. A multi-piece solid golf ball having a structure of at least four layers, said ball comprising a core having a structure consisting of at least two layers and a cover enclosing the core and consisting of inner and outer cover layers, said outer cover layer having a hardness of 40 to 60 degrees on Shore D, and said inner cover layer having a hardness of up to 53 degrees on Shore D and lower than that of said outer cover layer.

2. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein said inner cover layer is softer than said outer cover layer by a hardness difference of at least 5 degrees on Shore D.

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3. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein said outer cover layer has a gage of 0.5 to 3.0 mm, said inner cover layer has a gage of 0.5 to 3.0 mm, and the entire cover has a gage of 1.0 to 5.0 mm.

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4. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein said core consists of an inner sphere and a layer surrounding the inner sphere, said inner sphere has a diameter of 20 to 39 mm and is formed of a rubber base material to a hardness of 20 to 55 degrees on Shore D, said surrounding layer has a hardness of at least 45 degrees on Shore D, and said core has a diameter of 35 to 41 mm.

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